

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL  
CALLED MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2018  
3:00 PM**

**The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on January 12, 2018 at 3:00 PM in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Dillon SC. Present were T.F. Finklea, Jack Scott, Stevie Grice, Harold Moody, Archie Scott and James Campbell. Also present were: Rodney Berry (County Administrator), Richard Gaddy (Finance Director), Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald), Alan Berry (County Attorney), Robbie Coward (Deputy Administrator) and Jamie Sue Stephens (Clerk to Council).**

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda: By e-mail – Charles Curry, Randy Grimsley (Dillon County EMS), The Dillon Herald, Susan Norton (Perdue), Tim Ammons (Attorney), Tonny McNeil (Dillon County Economic Development), Yolanda McCormick (Dillon County Librarian), Gabriel Salmon (PDCAA), Larry Abraham (Chief Deputy), Les Jackson (County Deputy), Terry Morris, Alvin Nobles, Dillon County Planning/Code Enforcement Office, WMBF News, Sheriff Major Hulon, Jerry Rivers, Dan Gruszka, Bobby Holland (SCANA), Jamie Estes (Dillon County Treasurer), Dillon County Finance, Sonny McRae (Dillon County E911), Alan Lane, Steve Johnson and Randy Rouse (Hometown TV), Manufactured Housing Institute of SC, Ron Bartley and Cathy Pelfrey (NETC), Karl McColleston (Agenda Repository), Haywood Proctor, Bo McInnis, Helen & Carley Wiggins, Danny Holder (Dillon County IT), Florence Morning News Room, Kenneth Smith, Calvin Matthews, Charlie Bailey, Rhonda Leonard, Gerry Flemming, Tonie Martin, Rosco Oxendine, Delores Smith, Terry Brown, Winna Miller, Jacorie M., Melissa Thompson, Deborah Vann, Jennifer Ward, Corey Jackson, Tonya Brown, S. Suber, Claire Hall, Charles Taylor, A. Humes, Bill Patel; Matthew Elvington, B.Herring, Kiahanna Patterson, WBTW News By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Archie Scott presided over the beginning of the meeting until Stevie Grice was elected as the new chairman.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The County Administrator led the pledge of allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Charles Taylor.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Rodney Berry asked Council to amend the agenda and add 8B so that Harold Moody could make an appointment for the Accommodations Tax. **Harold Moody motioned to approve the amended agenda to add an appointment for Harold Moody on the Accommodations Tax. James Campbell seconded and all were in favor.**

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Ballots were given out for election of Chairman. Ms. Stephens then collected the ballots, read the results and announced that the Chairman for 2018 is Stevie Grice by a majority vote of Council.

At this time Archie Scott passed the gavel to Stevie Grice.

Ballots were given out for Vice-chairman. Ms. Stephens then collected the ballots, read the results and announced that Vice-chairman for 2018 is T.F. Finklea by a majority vote of Council.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**HARBOR FREIGHT PERMITTING FEES**

Rodney Berry asked Council to allow him if needed for flexibility to negotiate fees with Harbor Freight and he would report back. **James Campbell motioned to allow Rodney Berry flexibility to negotiate fees with Harbor Freight. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.**

**ACCOMMODATIONS TAX APPROVAL**

Charles Taylor gave a brief presentation about the Accommodations Tax. He told Council that there are three vacancies and that the two new projects for Dillon this year are the Pop Up Farmers Market and the Go and Grab.

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Charles explained that there is \$128.04 left over and anything up to \$300.00 can be carried over. **Archie Scott motioned to accept the Accommodations Tax Report. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.**

## **TRI-COUNTY PARK EXPANSION IN MARION COUNTY**

Rodney Berry told Council that he received a letter from Mr. Buddy Collins wanting to do another park with Marion and Marlboro, it would be a Tri-County Park in Marion and Dillon County would get one-third. It would operate under same bylaws and would expand in Marion for second Tri-County Park. **TF Finklea motioned to expand Tri-County Park to Marion County. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.**

## **SCDOT REQUEST CONCERNING LESTER ROAD BRIDGE**

Rodney Berry stated to Council that he has met with SCDOT twice and that they will be in our presence in February regards to Floyd Dale bridge that has been closed for some time. SCDOT is looking to start work within the next month or two. Our river landing is right at bridge and has to be closed to perform work temporarily. SCDOT has committed to improve boat landing during the construction phase but, Rodney must sign letter to that affect. This must be done due to safety reasons; the bridge must be raised to meet requirements. **James Campbell motioned to accept request concerning Lester Road Bridge. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.**

## **ORDINANCES**

**A. SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY OR COMPANIES KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT UNIQUE WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

Rodney Berry told Council that this ordinance pertains to a \$14 million dollar investment and will have 50 jobs. This was the first project brought by way of the port. **Archie Scott motioned to have second reading. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.**

**B. SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK (2016 PARK) OF DILLON AND MARLBORO COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK (PROJECT UNIQUE)**

Rodney Berry stated to Council that this is the Multi County Park that will allow to contribute to Economic Development Fund. One Percent going to Marlboro County. **Archie Scott motioned to have second reading. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**A. IDENTIFYING A PROJECT TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE, SO AS TO ALLOW INVESTMENT EXPENDITURES INCURRED BY A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS PROJECT UNIQUE, ITS AFFILIATES AND RELATED ENTITIES, TO QUALIFY AS EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES AND SPECIAL SOURCE CREDIT ARRANGEMENT WITH DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

**James Campbell motioned to accept the resolution. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.**

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**A. ACCOMMODATIONS TAX APPOINTMENT – ARCHIE SCOTT**

**Archie Scott nominated Melissa Thompson to the Accommodations Tax Board. Harold Moody made motion to appoint Melissa Thompson to the Accommodations Tax Board. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.**

**\*\*Agenda amended to add appointment for Harold Moody to Accommodations Tax Board. Harold Moody appointed Ricky Talbert to Accommodations Tax Board. Archie Scott motioned to appoint Ricky Talbert to the Accommodations Tax Board. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.**

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## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **A.UPDATE ON THE COVER OF THE MAGAZINE**

Rodney Berry stated to Council that the County Council will be featured on the front page of the South Carolina Association of Counties Magazine, which is featured quarterly and this is such an honor for Dillon County.

### **B.CLOSING OF COUNTRY SIDE ROAD**

Rodney Berry told Council that SCDOT closed down Country Side road temporarily but now have closed it permantly.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER**

**James Campbell motioned to go into Executive Session. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.**

**Archie Scott motioned to come out of Executive Session. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.**

## **RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Archie Scott motioned to adjourn. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.**

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**Stevie Grice, Chairman**

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**Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council**

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**Date Approved**